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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Trujillo DATE TYPED 3/21/05 HM 73

SHORT TITLE Environmental Restoration Activities at LANL SB _____

ANALYST Hadwiger

APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 73 would request the appropriate interim legislative committee to study the feasibility, roles, responsibilities and funding requirements of an independent oversight panel to assist in the oversight of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) clean-up. The interim committee would be asked to consider the actions and effectiveness of other states and federal agencies engaging in similar clean-ups and to include specified planning requirements, as well as comprehensive public involvement and outreach, to provide full understanding of the process by the public and full accountability.

Significant Issues

In the past month, the US Department of Energy and the New Mexico Department of Environment signed an agreement for a “fence-to-fence” cleanup at LANL. The agreement requires comprehensive investigation and cleanup of environmental contamination at the northern New Mexico lab. That includes remediation of disposal areas and contaminated ground water. The deal sets a cleanup completion date of 2015.

This memorial would create a legislative entity to oversee progress on the clean-up.

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